bound implementation of these action plans?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRWT.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)Talcher-Angul and Rourkela have been identified as cities/towns in Orissa, that do not meet the ambient air quality standards.

(c) Government of Orissa has been asked to prepare city specific action plans in a time bound manner.

Housing sites along Chandaka Wildlife Sanctuary

2559. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is threat perception to the Chandaka Wildlife Sanctuary, due to development of housing sites along its boundary;

(b) if so, the nature of these threats; and

(c) what action Government propose to counter-balance such threats?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRITR. BAALU): (a) and (b) Development of housing colonies outside Chandaka Wildlife Sanctuary poses a threat to the fauna and flora of sanctuary because of the people frequently entering into the sanctuary and impacting the wildlife and its habitat.

(c) Action taken by the Government to counter-balance such threats include:

(i) Elephant proof trenches have been constructed around the sanctuary.

(ii) Regular patrolling is done by the wildlife staff.

Wildlife sanctuaries as tourist spots

†2560.SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any plan for development of wildlife sanctuaries as tourist spots;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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